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In re Application of:

Verschuieren et al.

Serial No.: 09/964,238

Filed: September 26, 2001

For: SMAD-INTERACTING  
POLYPEPTIDES AND THIER USE

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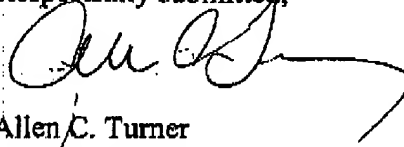
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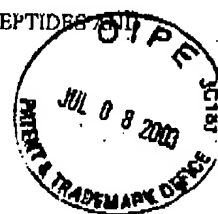
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